



PENINSULA STATE PARK NATURE PROGRAMS

Nature Center open daily 10 AM – 2 PM and 10 AM – 4 PM Saturday. CLOSED Thursdays. Schedule subject to change. To confirm call 920-868-3258. Programs free but park sticker required. Ask about our new kid-friendly geocaches!

Sunday June 26 **Cool Coyotes** 11 – 11:30 AM. Nature Center. Enjoy a tale about Trickster Coyote, see a coyote skull and pelt, and decorate a howlingly fun coyote mini-pinata, complete with secret prizes.

Monday June 27 **CAMPFIRE WITH CHARLIE & DON!** 8 – 9 PM. Nature Center. Join Peninsula favorites Charlie and Don for campfire songs and Native American stories. Traditional family fun for all ages. Rain? Program cancelled.

Tuesday June 28 **Wild About Wolves** 11-11:45 AM. Nature Center. Discover how wolves communicate, ways to distinguish a wolf from a coyote, and if wolves live here. This interactive program features a taxidermy wolf & kids' art.

Wednesday June 29 **SPECIAL EVENT: RAPTOR ROUND-UP**

10 – 11 AM. Nature Center.

Get up close and personal with **live birds of prey** when Peninsula welcomes Open Door Bird Sanctuary. Don't miss this morning of exciting education. Supported by Friends of Peninsula State Park.



Thursday June 30 **Flowers in the Meadow** 2 -2:45 PM. Nature Center. Discover facts and folklore of common meadow flowers at this naturalist-led walk. Easy walking, short distance. **Night Howls and Prowls** 8 – 9 PM. Nature Center. Join the naturalist to learn about Wisconsin's nocturnal hunters. Try animal calls. Will any critters hoot back? All ages welcome. Flashlights recommended for the walk back to your car or campsite.

Friday July 1 **Scavenger Hunt** Drop by the Nature Center anytime between 10 AM and 12 Noon for an on-your-own scavenger hunt. Prizes! Takes about twenty minutes. **Kayak Tour** 10 AM to 12 Noon. Must register at Nature Center in advance. Arrive at Nicolet Beach Rentals by 9:45. Naturalist-led tour featuring Peninsula history and ecology. Two-mile paddle along Peninsula's beautiful shore. Beginners welcome. A lifeguard is not on duty. Youth age seventeen and younger must be in a kayak with an adult. \$18 plus tax payable at Nicolet Beach. Tour may be cancelled due to weather.

SPECIAL EVENT: STAR GAZING WITH UW-MADISON ASTRONOMERS Star Talk begins at 8:30 PM at **Nicolet Beach**, followed by stargazing. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Astronomers will help families look through a high-powered telescope and point out constellations!

Saturday July 2 **Eagle Tower BINGO and Banners** 10 - 11 AM. Nature Center. Learn about park towers by playing a fast-paced game of BINGO (prizes for winners). Stick around to paint a cloth banner to hang at your campsite! **Naturalist at the Beach** The park naturalist will be roving the beach, answering questions and sharing cool nature facts.

Sunday July 3 **GETTYSBURG ADDRESS & FLAG RAISING - PLUS SMOKEY BEAR!**

10:30 – 11:30 AM. Nature Center. Peninsula welcomes Charles Dickson who will recite President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Afterwards, kids will meet America's fire-fighting bear and may color an iron-on transfer. T-shirts in youth sizes M, L and XL while supplies last (\$3 value) or supply your own. Donations



appreciated for t-shirts. **Eagle Tower to Eagle Panorama** 2 – 2:45 PM. Meet at Eagle Tower. Discover history of Peninsula's two towers, stroll a forest trail. Tree ID. Spectacular island overlook, too.

Monday July 4 Nature Center open 10 – 2 PM. NO PROGRAMS. Enjoy the parades and fireworks!

Tuesday July 5 **Discovering Camp Meenahga** 10 – 11 AM. Meet at Skyline parking lot on Shore Road.

Meet Mrs. Clark (a.k.a. the park naturalist), founder of the girls camp that operated in Peninsula from 1916 – 1948. See foundations and signs of the past while discovering Meenahga's amazing legacy. Rain? We'll talk inside the Nature Center.

Wednesday July 6 **Mystery Critter** Drop by the Nature Center any time for this 15-minute, on-your-own activity. Follow clues around the Nature Center to determine the identity of a mystery critter. Prizes! **Let's Meet the Robin** Drop by the Nature Center any time from 3 – 4 p.m. to learn about Wisconsin's state bird. Create a "robin-in-the-nest" decoration for your camp table, too. Activity takes about twenty minutes. While supplies last. **Batty for Peninsula** 7 – 8 PM. Learn about Wisconsin's only flying mammal by enjoying a twenty-minute PowerPoint created by DNR bat ecologist Jennifer Redell. Discover why about 75% of Peninsula's bats have already disappeared. Kids can stick around to create bat art for their campsite. Participants will be encouraged to visit places in Peninsula where bats might be still be seen.

ECO CHARMS FOR KIDS! Pull garlic mustard, pick up 50 pieces of litter, or help at the Nature Center to earn neato-mosquito charms. Ask how at the Nature Center! **LIKE TO HIKE?** Get a hiking log at the Nature Center, Park Headquarters, or from a camp host. Record adventures. Pins are \$3 with completed log or \$6 without log. Friends of Peninsula merchandise. All proceeds support Nature Center. Collectible – 15th in a series.

